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TO: Members of the Senate Administration Committee

FROM: Marg Crennen, volunteer advocate AARP Montana

RE: House Bill 315- Increase amount and slow phase out of retiree exclusion from income

Mr. Chairman and members of the committee, my name is Marg Crennen and I'm a volunteer advocate for AARP Montana—a non-profit non-partisan organization of 165,000 members in this state. AARP Montana believes that in these tough economic times, House Bill 315 is an appropriate bill. It would put a million dollars over the next two years into the hands of low-income retired Montanans. This will both help their standard of living and contribute to stimulating our economy. Thank you and we urge a do pass on HB 315.